

Regular Meeting

Agenda Item #	4
Meeting Date	April 30, 2007
Prepared By	Chief Ronald A. Ricucci
Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Five Portable Radios and a Two- Position Radio Console
Background	<p>The Police Department has been using the Montgomery County 800 MHz radio system for several years. Mobile, portable and dispatcher position radio equipment is reaching the end of its expected life span for continuous use, and certain pieces are in need of replacement.</p> <p>The two-position radio console recommended for purchase includes tactical recording playback, unit identifiers, dispatch position priority and emergency button identification systems. These functions enhance the safety of officers using the radio system in the field, provide a more professional capability of the dispatcher when transmitting, and allow more accurate access to transmissions playback, which will improve overall service delivery of the agency to the public in general.</p> <p>The system also provides managers with tools that will enhance their ability to supervise radio traffic which will lead to a higher level of professionalism in the usage of the radios, which ultimately will also improve the general service levels of the agency to the public it serves.</p> <p>The console option is more economical than the full console originally anticipated for our use in that it provides two positions with full capability, as opposed to only one position for the equipment used by Montgomery County. Full console dispatch position equipment was never purchased originally. That equipment was expensive and includes capabilities that the Command Staff of Takoma Park believes would not be utilized by our Department. The Montgomery County full console stations were priced in excess of \$90,000 under their current contract.</p> <p>The City Council granted a waiver of the Nuclear Free Zone Act in 2002 for the purpose of purchasing Motorola radio equipment and Dell computer equipment to be used on this system.</p>
Policy	Ordinance required for authorization to purchase based on the total amount of the expenditure
Fiscal Impact	<p>Funding had been identified in previous years and set aside in the Equipment Replacement Reserve for this project.</p> <p>The cost for five portable radios is \$17, 222.35, which is pricing available to Prince George's County Police based on their competitive bid.</p> <p>The pricing for the two position radio console system, also based on the Prince George's County contract pricing, is \$59,616.27. The City will obtain these items at</p>

	these costs in a cooperative purchase under a Council of Governments Rider Clause included in Motorola's bid for the Prince George's County Contract, C0891-06.
Attachments	Draft Ordinance
Recommendation	Adoption of the ordinance authorizing the expenditure.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

Single Reading Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-
AN ORDINANCE TO PURCHASE PORTABLE RADIOS
AND A TWO-POSITION RADIO CONSOLE

WHEREAS, the City Police department has utilized portable, mobile and dispatch radio equipment on the Montgomery County 800 MHz radio system since 2002; AND

WHEREAS, the use of said system requires the use of Motorola radio equipment, as specified by Montgomery County Radio System Managers; AND

WHEREAS, some of the initial equipment is reaching the end of its serviceable life span, based on continuous usage; AND

WHEREAS, the City Council granted a waiver of the Nuclear Free Zone Act in 2002, for the purpose of purchasing Motorola radio equipment and Dell computer equipment to be used on this system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

SECTION 1. The quotation from Teltronic, an authorized Motorola dealer, for five XTS5000 portable radios is \$17,222.35, and is based on Prince George's County contractual pricing, in a cooperative purchase under a Council of Governments rider clause in their contract C0891-06.

SECTION 2. The quotation from Teltronic for a two-position radio console and related equipment is for \$59,616.27, and is pricing based on the Prince George's County contract C0891-06.

SECTION 3. The funding for the purchase has been provided for in the Equipment Replacement Reserve.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Adopted this ____ day of April, 2007 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: